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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

Duke Energy CEO Lynn Good made \$21.4 million last year, an increase of 55 percent from the year before and her highest ever as chief executive, according to the company's proxy filing released Friday. Good's total compensation included a base salary of \$1.34 million and \$17.2 million in stock awards. Mar 9, 2018

THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT.

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Sincerely,
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